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SESSION ONE

THE HILL TO DIE ON

Understanding the Battle over the Person of Jesus Christ

The Determination of the Early Church

For I determined not to know anything among you except **Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.**

1 Corinthians 2:2

Preach Christ and Him Crucified

And daily in the temple, and in every house, **they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.**

Acts 5:42

Spurgeon's First Sermon in the Tabernacle

March 25th, 1861 - 27 years old

It appears that **the one subject** upon which men preached in the apostolic age was **Jesus Christ**. The tendency of man, if left alone, is continually to go further and further from God, and the Church of God itself is no exception to the general rule. For the first few years, during and after the apostolic era, **Christ Jesus was preached**, but gradually the Church departed from **the central point**, and began rather to preach ceremonials and church offices than **the person of their Lord**. So has it been in these modern times: we also have fallen into the same error, at least to a degree, and have gone from **preaching Christ** to preaching doctrines about Christ, inferences which may be drawn from His life, or definitions which may be gathered from His discourses . . . In the days of Paul it was not difficult at once, **in one word**, to give the sum and substance of the current theology. It was **Christ Jesus**. Had you asked anyone of those disciples what he believed, he would have replied, "**I believe Christ**" . . . I would propose that the subject of the ministry of this house, as long as this platform shall stand, and as long as this house shall be frequented by worshippers, shall be **the person of Jesus Christ** . . . if I am asked to say

what is my creed, I think I must reply: "**It is Jesus Christ**" . . . the body of divinity to which I would pin and bind myself for ever, God helping me, is . . . **Christ Jesus, who is the sum and substance of the gospel; who is in Himself all theology, the incarnation of every precious truth, the all-glorious personal embodiment of the way, the truth, and the life.**

Charles Spurgeon

For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from **the simplicity (singularity of focus) that is in Christ.**

2 Corinthians 11:2-3

Looking for Something?

The Ache for Purpose

If by the age of 30 you don't have anything worth dying for, then you don't have anything worth living for.

Anonymous

The Hill to Die On

If you are looking for a "Hill" to die on, I highly recommend you check out the hill of Calvary - where you will find the singular Man and the singular work that made all things new.

Arius, the Priest of the Church at Baucalis

Alexandria, Egypt - circa 320 AD

The Lie of Arius

And the diminishment of the Person of Jesus Christ

The Lie: *Jesus is a created being, not a co-equal with God, but merely an adopted son.*

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria

Athanasius Contra-Mundum

The Council of Nicea 325 A.D.

I believe in one God, **the Father Almighty**, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one **Lord Jesus Christ**, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in **the Holy Ghost**, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

The Footnote to the Nicene Creed

[But those who say: 'There was a time when he was not;' and 'He was not before he was made;' and 'He was made out of nothing,' or 'He is of another substance' or 'essence,' or 'The Son of God is created,' or 'changeable,' or 'alterable'—they are condemned by the holy catholic and apostolic Church.]

Preserving the God-Ness of Jesus Christ

For as God, and only as God can He Save, Atone, Forgive, Clean, Justify, Redeem, and Sanctify

First Things First

Preserving the God-ness of Jesus Hinges on Preserving the God-ness of the Bible

The God-Ness of the Bible

The Bible is, in fact, God's Word

The God-Ness of Jesus Christ

If the Bible is, in fact, God's Word, then . . . Jesus is, in fact, God's Word made flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of Him, and cried, saying, This was He of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for He was before me . . . No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.

John 1:1-4, 14-15, 18

If . . . Then . . .

Logos

A word, speech, or reason; a ground, a plea, an opinion, or an expectation

- It's more than a human word, it's a Divine word.
- It's more than human speech, it's God's revelation.
- It's more than earthly reason, it's the logical syllogism of the Creator.
- It's more than a ground, it's a rock foundation.
- It's more than a plea, it's a divine command.
- It's more than an opinion, it's Heavenly reality.
- It's more than an expectation, it's a solid hope.
- It's more than a Greek word, it's very God of very God.

Logic

Reasoning as if the Logos is both True and Divine

The Logos

The If/Then Logic of Heaven

IF the Bible is, in fact, God's Word,
THEN Jesus is, in fact, God's Word made flesh

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THEN what God's Word says about God's Word made flesh (Jesus Christ) in John chapter one is true

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THEN Jesus is not just a man born 2,000 years ago, but, in fact, He is from before Creation.

In the beginning was the Word - John 1:1

The same was in the beginning with God - John 1:1

John the Baptist stated, "*for He (Jesus) was before me*" - John 1:15

IF what God's Word says about God's Word made flesh (Jesus Christ) in John chapter one is true,
THEN Jesus IS, in fact, God.

*the Word was with God, and the Word **WAS** God - John 1:1 (emphasis mine)*

IF what God's Word says about God's Word made flesh (Jesus Christ) in John chapter one is true,
THEN Jesus IS, in fact, the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth.

*All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made -
John 1:2*

IF what God's Word says about God's Word made flesh (Jesus Christ) in John chapter one is true,
THEN Jesus IS, in fact, the revelation of the Father - we know the Father by beholding Jesus Christ.

*No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the
Father, He hath declared Him - John 1:18*

The Apostle John Presents the Logic of Heaven

1. Jesus is Pre-existent
2. Jesus is God
3. Jesus is Creator

4. Jesus is the full Revelation of the Father
5. **Therefore**, He is fit to be the Lamb that was slain to take away the sin of the world

The next day John saw Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.** This is He of whom I said, After me comes a man which is preferred before me: **for He was before me . . . And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.**

John 1:29-30, 34

This is the Hill We Will Die On!

In the days of Paul it was not difficult at once, **in one word**, to give the sum and substance of the current theology. It was **Christ Jesus**. Had you asked any one of those disciples what he believed, he would have replied, "**I believe Christ**" . . . if I am asked to say what is my creed, I think I must reply: "**It is Jesus Christ**" . . . the body of divinity to which I would pin and bind myself for ever, God helping me, is . . . **Christ Jesus, who is the sum and substance of the gospel; who is in Himself all theology, the incarnation of every precious truth, the all-glorious personal embodiment of the way, the truth, and the life.**

Charles Spurgeon

SESSION TWO

JEHOVAH IN HUMAN SKIN

The Astounding Incarnation

Introducing the I AM

the unspeakable, Proper Name of God - Jehovah, Yahveh, Yahweh, Adonai, LORD

The I AM in the New Testament?

But He held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, **I AM**: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? **Ye have heard the blasphemy**: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death. And some began to spit on Him, and to cover his face, and to buffet Him, and to say unto Him, Prophesy: and the servants did strike Him with the palms of their hands.

Mark 14:61-65

Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill Him, because He not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was His Father, **making Himself equal with God**.

John 5:18

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I AM**. Then took they up stones to cast at Him: but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

John 8:58-59

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered Him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; **but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God**.

John 10:31-33

The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, **because He made himself the Son of God**.

John 19:7

Preeminence

The fact of surpassing all others, superiority and dominion over all

The Battle over Preeminence

Who matters most?

And **HE IS** the head of the body, the church: **WHO IS** the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things **He might have the preeminence.**

Colossians 1:18

The False Notion of the Modern Church

I must increase that Christ may increase

The Apostle John's Proclamation

HE IS!

But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that **He is**, and that **He is** a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6

Egō Eimi - I AM

1. Matthew - 4
2. Mark - 1
3. Luke - 1
4. John - 44

Jesus saith unto her, **I** that speak unto thee **AM** [He] (4:26) . . . if ye believe not that **I AM** [He], ye shall die in your sins (8:23-24) . . . Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that **I AM** [He], and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things (8:28) . . . Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I AM** (8:58) . . . Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so **I AM** (13:13) . . . Now I tell you before it come,

that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that **I AM** [He] (13:19) . . . Jesus saith unto him, **I AM** the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (14:6) . . . Jesus saith unto them, **I AM** [He]. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he had said unto them, **I AM** [He], they went backward, and fell to the ground (18:5-6) . . . Jesus answered, I have told you that **I AM** [He] (18:8).

The Statement of the Friend

I am NOT . . . but HE IS!

John the Baptist

And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, **I am not** the Christ . . . **He it is**, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet **I am not** worthy to unloose . . . Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, **I am not** the Christ, but that I am sent before him.

John 1:19-20, 27-28

The Nomen Sacra

The Sacred Name

In the earliest manuscripts found of the New Testament, from the first to the third centuries A.D., a unique technique was utilized by the early Christian translators when handling the most important Names found within the Bible. Out of extreme deference and respect, the “Sacred Names” were not written out, as would be typical, but were shortened and represented with the first letter and the last letter of the Name and a line above the two (or sometimes three) letters. This lexical technique of showing great deference and respect has been given the Latin description of Nomina Sacra.

The Koine Greek expressed the Holy Name of God, the Son, as . . .

Ἰησοῦς

Transliteration: Iésous

Phonetic Spelling: (ee-ay-sooce')

The first letter of the Sacred Name being - I (capital Iota)
the last letter of the Sacred Name being - ζ - (the letter Sigma)

So, with deep reverence, I and the ζ are combined together - Ιζ
The ζ is then capitalized - ΙΣ

The final stroke is like a crown, a wreath - a means of capitalizing the already capital letters.

So, if a man could worship Jesus, his Mighty Redeemer, even as he wrote down His Almighty Name, he could write it . . .

ΙΣ

SESSION THREE

Very God of Very God

Attempting to Comprehend the Divine Condescension

Divine Reasoning Regarding Jesus Christ

10 Building Blocks of Awe

IF

*what God's Word says about God's Word made flesh (Jesus Christ),
throughout the entire Bible, is true,*

THEN

Jesus IS . . .

Awe-Striking Thought #1

He is from of Old, from Everlasting

He has no beginning and no ending

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; **whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.**

Micah 5:2

[Melchizedek resembled the Son of God in] . . . **having neither beginning of days, nor end of life . . .**

Hebrews 7:3

Awe-Striking Thought #2

He is very God of very God

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten,
not made, being of one substance with the Father

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**.
The same was in the beginning with God.

John 1:1

For in Him (Jesus) dwells **all the fullness of the Godhead bodily** . . . For it pleased the
Father that in Him (Jesus) should **all fullness dwell** . . .

Colossians 2:9; 1:19

(Christ Jesus) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with
God:

Philippians 2:5

When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven
thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why
does this man thus speak blasphemies? **who can forgive sins but God only?**

Mark 2:5-7

I and my Father are one.

John 10:30

Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because He not only had broken the
sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, **making himself equal with God**.

John 5:18

Awe-Striking Thought #3

He is the Almighty Creator of the Heavens and Earth

Jesus Christ, by whom all things were made

All things were made by him (Jesus); and without Him was not any thing made that was
made.

John 1:3

For by Him (Jesus) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth,
visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers:
all things were created by Him, and for Him: and He is before all things, and by Him all
things consist.

Colossians 1:16-17

For this man (Jesus) was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, in as much as **He who hath builded the house** hath more honor than the house. For every house is builded by some man; but He that built all things is God.

Hebrews 3:3-4

And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Ephesians 3:9

(God) hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds;

Hebrews 1:2

Awe-Striking Thought #4

He is, um, HE IS

He is, in truth, Jehovah God, the I AM, that WAS, IS, AND IS TO COME
The Revelation of the Father

He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father . . .

John 14:9

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM.

John 8:58

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Hebrews 13:8

I AM Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord (Jesus), which IS, and which WAS, and which IS TO COME, the Almighty.

Revelation 1:8

Therefore . . .

Jesus is the manifold revelation of the God of the Old Testament

- Jesus is El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty) Genesis 17:1
- Jesus is El Elyon (The Most High God) Genesis 14:18
- Jesus is Adonai (Lord, Master) Genesis 15:2

- Jesus is Yahweh (Lord, Jehovah) Genesis 2:4
- Jesus is Jehovah Nissi (The Lord My Banner, The Lord My Miracle) Exodus 17:15
- Jesus is Jehovah-Raah (The Lord My Shepherd) Psalm 23
- Jesus is Jehovah Rapha (The Lord That Heals) Exodus 15:26
- Jesus is Jehovah Shammah (The Lord Is There) Ezekiel 48:35
- Jesus is Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness) Jeremiah 23:6
- Jesus is Jehovah Mekoddishkem (The Lord Who Sanctifies You, The Lord Who Makes Holy) Exodus 31:13
- Jesus is El Olam (The Everlasting God, The God of Eternity, The God of the Universe, The God of Ancient Days) Genesis 21:33
- Jesus is Elohim (God, Judge, Creator) Genesis 1:1
- Jesus is Qanna (Jealous) Exodus 20:5
- Jesus is Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide) Genesis 22:14
- Jesus is Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace) Judges 6:24
- Jesus is Jehovah Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts, The Lord of Powers) 1 Samuel 1:3

Awe-Striking Thought #5

He is the Word of God Made Flesh

He is the Bible brought to life -
breathing, walking, talking, healing, and rescuing

And **the Word** was made flesh, and dwelt among us . . .

John 1:14

And He (Jesus) was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called **The Word of God**.

Revelation 19:13

By **the Word of the LORD** were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

Psalm 33:6

The Word of God in Letter is now the Word of God in Life

The Word of God in Law is now the Word of God in Spirit and Truth

The Word of God in Proverb is now the Word of God in Person

- Jesus is the Law of God become Flesh
- Jesus is the Sacrifices, the Feasts, the Sabbaths, The Jubilee, and the Tabernacle/Temple become Flesh
- Jesus is the Wisdom of God become Flesh
- Jesus is the Prophecy of God become of Flesh
- Jesus is the Histories of Israel become Flesh
- In other words, Jesus is **the Word of God become Flesh**

Awe-Striking Thought #6

He is the Perfect Fulfillment of All Prophecy and Promise of the Christ

With Divine Right to Rule and Control

1. He proved the Son of God - Psalm 2:6-9; Luke 1:30-35
2. He proved the Seed of the Woman - Genesis 3:14-15; Galatians 4:4
3. He proved the Seed of Abraham - Genesis 17:7-8; Galatians 3:16
4. He proved the Seed of Isaac - Genesis 21:12; Hebrews 11:17-19
5. He proved the Seed of David - Psalm 132:11; Acts 13:22-23; Romans 1:1-4
6. He proved to be born of a virgin. And He proved to be Immanuel, God with us - Isaiah 7:14; Luke 2:7; Matthew 1:18-23
7. He proved to be born in Bethlehem Judea - Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:4-6
8. He proved that Kings fell down before Him offering gifts - Psalm 72:10-11; Matthew 2:1-11
9. He proved to be called out of Egypt - Hosea 11:1; Matthew 2:13-15
10. He proved that Elijah came before Him - Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1; Malachi 4:5; Matthew 3:1-3; Matthew 11:9-15; Matthew 17:10-12
11. He proved anointed with the Spirit - Psalm 45:7; Matthew 3:16
12. He proved that His ministry commenced in Galilee - Isaiah 9:1-2; Matthew 4:12-19

13. He proved to enter Jerusalem riding upon a colt - Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:1-5
14. He proved undesirable to many - Isaiah 53:1; Mark 6:3
15. He proved meek - Isaiah 42:1-3; Matthew 12:14
16. He proved to be without guile - Isaiah 53:9; 1 Peter 2:21-25
17. He proved to be consumed with zeal for God's House - Psalm 69:9; John 2:13-22
18. He proved that He bore the reproach - Psalm 22; Romans 15:3
19. He proved betrayed by a friend - Psalm 41:9; John 13:18-19
20. He proved that His sheep were scattered - Zechariah 13:7; Matthew 26:31,56
21. He proved to be sold for thirty pieces of silver and the Potter's field purchased with the money - Zechariah 11:12-13; Matthew 26:15; Matthew 27:3
22. He proved to be numbered with the Criminals - Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 15:27-30
23. He proved to go silently as a Lamb unto Slaughter - Isa 53:7; Act 8:32
24. He proved to make intercession for His murderers - Isaiah 53:12; Luke 23:34
25. He proved that lots were cast for His clothing - Psalm 22:18; John 19:24
26. He proved to die - Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 27:50-54
27. He proved that none of His bones were broken - Exodus 12:46; Psalm 34:20; John 19:33-36
28. He proved to be pierced - Zechariah 12:10; John 19:34
29. He proved risen again from the dead on the third day - Psalm 16:10; Luke 24:6-8
30. He proved to have ascended - Psalm 68:18; Luke 24:51-53

Awe-Striking Thought #7

He is Over All

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

[The Father has set Jesus] at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is His body, the fullness of Him that fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:20-23

. . . God also hath highly exalted Him (Jesus), and given Him a Name which is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and

things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings . . .

Revelation 17:14

And he hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 19:16

Awe-Striking Thought #8

He is the Only Savior

Outside of Him, No Man Can be Saved

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Acts 4:12

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:25

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:19-22

There is the Sign Given

That we might recognize the arrival of His Majesty

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. **And this shall be a sign unto you . . .**

Luke 2:10-12

What is the Sign?

Brace yourselves for this Awe-striking Thought #9

Awe-Striking Thought #9

He . . . The One Who IS . . . The One Who Created the Heavens and the Earth . . . God Himself . . . He . . . ummm

Let's just read the Scripture

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. **And this shall be a sign unto you;** Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Luke 2:10-12

He . . .

The One Who IS . . .

The One Who Created the Heavens and the Earth . . .

God Himself . . .

The One who is Holy, Holy, Holy . . .

The One who has measured the waters of this earth in the hollow of His hand . . .

The One who meted out heaven with a span . . .

The One who comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure . . .

The One who weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance . . .

The One to whom the nations are as a drop in a bucket and are counted as the small dust of the balance . . .

The One who when He heads off to war, there are none that can stay His hand . . .

The One who sits as King between the mighty cherubim, above all, over all, and in control of all . . .

The God of all the kingdoms of this earth . . .

The One who can bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, and loose the bands of Orion . . .

The One who can set the dominion of His ordinances in the earth. He can send forth lightning, number the clouds, and stay the bottles of heaven . . .

This One was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a filthy animal feeding box.

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eats my flesh, and drinks My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, dwells in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eats me, even he shall live by Me.

John 6:53-57

Awe-Striking Thought #10

We Are Those Swaddling Clothes

The Almighty Has Condescended to Be Wrapped In Us

. . . Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Colossians 1:27

****Bonus****

Awe-Striking Thought #11

I Know Him, the Very God of Very God, Personally

He calls me friend, brother, son, bride, His beloved, the sheep of His pasture